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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1632

Application No.: 10/041,633

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For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING CELLS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the January 21, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13 and 14 are pending in this application.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 listing four references, was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2005. Return of an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating receipt and consideration of the references listed thereon is respectfully requested. A courtesy copy of the Form PTO-1449, and a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt is attached.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 2, 5-10, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,586,982 to Abela in view of Volume 433, pages 832-841 of the European Journal of Physiology to Henriksen, in view of U.S. Patent 3,573,456 to Beeh, in view of U.S.